



Illinois Freight Network

Illinois is a national freight crossroads, bearing goods traffic from all directions and serves as a national and international freight hub. Illinois freight tonnage is the third largest in the country being served by all seven of the country's Class I railroads including the leading railroad serving Mexico and the two leading railroads serving Canada. Illinois is second in rail intermodal traffic, a vital component of U.S. global trade, and its total tonnage by all modes is the highest for states that are not located on a seacoast. Illinois stands at the juncture of the Ohio and Mississippi river systems, and via the Illinois River connects them to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean.

Did you know...

- In 2010, 1.26 billion tons of goods moved from, to and within the state via roads, railroads, waterways and air freight facilities.
 - 63 percent was carried by trucks
 - Rail carried 26 percent
 - Waterways transported 11 percent
 - Air carried a tenth of one percent
- The top three commodity groups in Illinois-based freight traffic accounted for 45 percent of the 2010 tonnage.
- Petroleum or asphalt products (except gasoline), coal, and live animal feed were the largest commodity flows, reflecting the significance of the agricultural and energy supply chains to Illinois' economy.
- Illinois has the 3rd largest freight tonnage among all U.S. states.
- Illinois ranks 3rd in national truck volume and also in national rail volume.
- Illinois ranks 2nd in rail intermodal traffic.
- Illinois is served by all 7 Class-1 railroads and 26 Short-Line railroads.
- O'Hare ranks 6th in national cargo activity.
- Rockford Airport is the 2nd largest UPS hub in North America.
- Between 2010 and 2011, Illinois exports grew by \$14 billion, or 27 percent.

